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AT DEC 5 PLENARY SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE DEC 5 PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK REP (KLEIN) AND THE NETHERLANDS REP (DE VOS). KLEIN OFFICIALLY ADVANCED THE WARSAW PACT FREEZE PROPOSAL IN THE SAME LANGUAGE AS USED PREVIOUSLY IN INFORMAL SESSION.

2. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FOUR WARSAW PACT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, KLEIN OFFICIALLY PROPOSED A JOINT DECLARATION IN WHICH ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD "UNDERTAKE

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NOT TO INCREASE THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THEIR ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE FOR THE DURATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS;" OBLIGATIONS COULD ENTER INTO FORCE "FROM THE MOMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECLARATION OR ON JAN 1, 1975." THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED JOINT DECLARATION READ OFF BY KLEIN WAS THE SAME AS THAT TABLED BY THE EAST IN THE NOV 26 INFORMAL (MBFR VIENNA 453).

3. KLEIN SAID THE EASTERN MANPOWER FREEZE PROPOSAL WAS THE LATEST PACT EFFORT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCKED VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS NEUTRAL AND SIMPLE IN FORM AND WOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS. KLEIN NOTED THAT NONE OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WERE INTERESTED IN RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THEIR TROOPS IN THE AREA AND SAID THAT THE EAST HAD, IN PROPOSING A MANPOWER FREEZE, TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT WESTERN DELS "ALSO HAVE ADVANCED THE IDEA OF A NON-INCREASE OF TROOPS BY THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS." KLEIN OBSERVED THAT ADOPTION OF A JOINT DECLARATION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY "ALL THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE." HE CLOSED BY SEEKING WESTERN SUPPORT FOR THE "IMPORTANT NEW INITIATIVE."

4. THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATEMENT WAS UNUSUALLY POLEMICAL IN MANNER, CRITICIZING THE ALLIES FOR PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO GAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES, AND IMPLYING A LACK OF WESTERN GOODWILL IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. KLEIN SCORED THE WEST FOR "PERSISTENT UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE ANY STEP, EVEN AN INSIGNIFICANT ONE, BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR BASIC POSITION." TEXT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATEMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

5. THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT, APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 4 AD HOC GROUP MEETING, WAS A COMPREHENSIVE WESTERN PRESENTATION OF CURRENT ALLIED POSITIONS ON ASSOCIATED MEASURES, AND INCLUDED THE NEW NATO GUIDANCE CONCERNING STABILIZING MEASURES AS WELL AS ON THE

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IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION. DE VOS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF OBSERVERS IN HELPING TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REDUCTION AGREEMENT. THE TEXT OF THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT IS BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM.
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